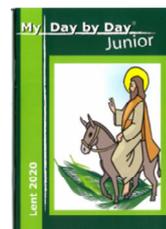


Newsletter 22: Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came to our Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday. It was nice to see so many of you to help us get Lent under way. All children have been given a copy of what has become an annual favourite: the 'My day by Day' Lent booklet. Children are encouraged to look at just one page for each day of Lent. We would like to take this opportunity to revisit Pope Francis' words about Lent:

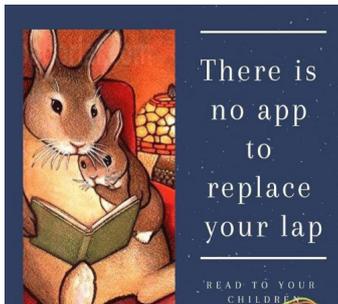


Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurtful words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressure and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so that you can listen



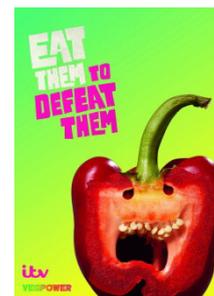
St Edmund's Parish LiveSimply project – following Pope Francis' call (in *Laudate Si*) to take action to care for creation and our common home, please find attached a sheet with ideas on eco-actions for Lent.



World Book Day – we are looking forward to next week's World Book Day which is on Thursday 5th March. There are two competitions in which children from both Key Stages can take part. Firstly, children may come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. There are some great costume ideas here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas-2019/>. Secondly, last week we sent out information about a competition which requires entrants to be photographed reading in really unusual places. Lastly, as part of our celebration of books, the children of Key Stage Two will be visited by an author. What a fun day it is going to be, a day which we hope will help children to be encouraged to pick up a book and read.

*You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be, for I had a parent who read to me.
Gillian Strickland*

Eat them to Defeat them! – Look out for more information coming home on vegetables as we support the Vegpower campaign to get everyone eating more vegetables. Find out more here: <https://vegpowers.org.uk/>



Plant pots – Mr Judge is wondering if there are any parents out there who could spare some small clay plant pots (to be smashed up and added to the bug house).

Survey for children and young people to share their views – Surrey County Council is running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. They want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. Please see this link <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

Coronavirus advice – whilst there is no known risk at St Edmund's, please do follow these general principles to prevent any respiratory viruses spreading:

- wash your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation



- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- see further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).



Y2 Pedals – our Year 2 children are looking forward to their ‘Pedals’ training on Tuesday next week. Therefore, please remember to bring your child’s bike/scooter plus helmet to school on Tuesday.

IMPORTANT DATES	
<p>THIS TERM (highlighted items are newly added)</p> <p>Tue 3 Mar Y2 Pedals Training</p> <p>Wed 4 Mar Y6 Parent Consultations PM</p> <p>Thu 5 Mar World Book Day 3.30pm SATs talk to Y6 parents</p> <p>Fri 6 Mar CAFOD Lent Fast Day 9.05am Y5 Assembly</p> <p>Sat 7 Mar Swimming Gala (6pm arrival at C/house)</p> <p>Thu 12 Mar Y4 Bikeability (+ Fri)</p> <p>Fri 13 Mar CAFOD assembly and workshops</p> <p>Tue 17 Mar Y2 to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>Wed 18 Mar Y6 Lent workshops (Wintershall)</p> <p>Thu 19 Mar Hydestile visitor to Y3</p> <p>Fri 20 Mar 3pm YR Mother’s Day Celebration</p> <p>Wed 25 Mar 2pm Mass (Feast of the Annunciation)</p> <p>Mon 30 Mar 9.30am End-of-Term Mass</p> <p>Tue 31 Mar 3pm Rock Steady Concert</p> <p>Wed 1 Apr 1.30pm Easter Egg Hunt 2.15pm Parents’ Forum Evening: Y6 Passion Play (time TBC)</p> <p>Fri 3 Apr Talent Show AM 2pm close for Easter holiday</p> <p>NEXT TERM</p> <p>Mon 20 Apr Children return to school</p> <p>Mon 27 Apr Y3 swimming starts</p> <p>Wed 29 Apr Y4 to Sayers Croft (back Fri 1 May)</p>	<p>NEXT TERM (cont) ...</p> <p>Tue 5 May Y5 Learning Dome</p> <p>Fri 8 May Bank Holiday – school closed</p> <p>Mon 11 May YR to Dapdune Wharf (new date)</p> <p>Fri 15 May International Day</p> <p>Tue 19 May Y1 to Pizza Express</p> <p>Wed 20 May May Procession</p> <p>Thu 21 May Class photos 3.30pm talk for Y5 parents re Bude trip</p> <p>Fri 22 May 3.30pm close for half-term</p> <p>THIS YEAR’S DATES (2019-2020) SPR: 6 Jan-3 Apr 2020 (half-term w/c 17 Feb) SUM: 20 Apr-22 Jul 2020 (half-term w/c 25 May)</p> <p>REMAINING INSET DAYS 2019-2020 Fri 14 Feb, Fri 12 June & Wed 22 July 2020</p> <p>NEXT YEAR’S DATES (2020-2021) AUT: 1 Sept-18 Dec 2020 (half-term w/c 26 Oct) SPR: 4 Jan-1 Apr 2021 (half-term w/c 15 Feb) SUM: 19 Apr-21 July 2021 (half-term w/c 31 May)</p> <p>KNOWN INSET DAYS NEXT YEAR 1st and 2nd Sept 2020; three more yet to be advised</p>

Ethos Statement 19: I try to use words that make the world a better place.

We pray together: Lent is a time for giving up something valuable so that we can remember how great a blessing it is. Lent is a time for taking up something valuable so we can remember to bring some blessing to others. AMEN.

The Pope Speaks: If I live only to earn money, to have a good time, to gain a bit of prestige or a promotion in my work, I am living for dust. If I am unhappy with life because I think I do not get enough respect or receive what I think is my due, then I am simply staring at dust. There are two paths from which to choose: one goes from dust to life and requires contemplating Christ. The other path leads from life to dust, when we reduce life to the ashes of selfishness.



Money Matters: second half of the Spring Term 2020	
Dinners (KS2 ONLY):	£70.50 (30 days at £2.35; Mon 24 th Feb – Fri 3 rd Apr 2020)
Governors’ Fund:	£20 per family per term, cheques payable to “A&B Diocesan Trust St Edmund’s”
Outings:	Cheques payable to “St Edmund’s School Fund” or pay online via PMX ParentMail
PSA Website:	www.stedmundsschoolpsa.co.uk
Confused by educational jargon?	Try our glossary or Frequently Asked Questions pages under “School Information”
Still confused?	Then ✉ info@stedmunds.surrey.sch.uk or ☎ 01483 414497
Dates for the year ahead	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3&pid=14&viewid=1
Copies of the newsletters	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=93
Clubs booking forms	http://www.stedmundsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs+and+Activities&pid=34

Attachment: parish livesimply leaflet